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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Geographic Research  
FROM: Acting Chief, Geography Division  
SUBJECT: Geography Division Support for CIA Counterinsurgency Action

In accordance with your request, I am submitting herewith a summary of D/GO research activities since January 1961 that are considered to be related to Agency actions in the field of counterinsurgency and overseas internal defense.

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a. Accomplishments since January 1961

Counterinsurgency actions in Southeast Asia have been supported by a number of geographic intelligence research studies. These have

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Geographic Intelligence Memorandum on [REDACTED] was prepared which summarized and analyzed the significance of a number of aspects of the physical and cultural geography of the area that bear on counterinsurgency actions.

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Twelve studies [REDACTED] have been prepared in support of [REDACTED]. These have included the preparation of detailed manuscript overlays to existing large-scale maps as well as the original compilation of four detailed maps. DD/P's critical need for large-scale maps [REDACTED] was met by arranging for priority reproduction of quantity distribution of several hundred map sheets.

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Seven basic geographic studies with maps and annotated town plans for [REDACTED] were prepared for DD/P operational planning during the unsettled period surrounding [REDACTED]. These studies were part of the broad program of Latin American studies being done for WH/DD/P.

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b. Current Activities

The Division is currently engaged in a broad project, responsive to ESIAN 162, which is intended to study 11 critical countries to identify

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A program is underway to issue a series of 20 studies in support of operational planning.

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Aircrew E and E briefing aids are being prepared for Agency operational requirements.

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**c. Projected Program**

The broad program for Latin American studies in support of WH/DM/P's long-range operational planning will continue after the more immediate requirements are satisfied.

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The project for identification and study of possible exploitable is expected to lead to continuing requirements for support as developmental plans for active exploitation of selected groups are implemented.

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